



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **SUPERVISOR DIMITRIJEVIC UPDATES MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS ON ENERGY SUCCESS OF “GREEN PRINT”**

*Facility upgrades to reduce energy consumption lead to \$73,482 grant to Milwaukee County*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic was joined by County Executive Scott Walker at a news conference this morning to update the public on environmental and conservation achievements made possible through implementation of the “Green Print” legislation, which was authored by Supervisor Dimitrijevic and went into effect in 2007.

At the event, Supervisor Dimitrijevic and County Executive Walker accepted a \$73,482 check, from Focus on Energy to Milwaukee County, for the energy efficient upgrades completed at the Courthouse complex. The grant recognizes the reduced energy consumption achieved through a partnership with Honeywell, one of three current performance contracts the County currently has, to perform energy efficient upgrades in the Courthouse and complete the pilot outlined in the Green Print. The major upgrades to the Courthouse include retrofitted light fixtures, the installation of light and motion sensors, and more efficient heating and cooling.

“It’s clear that the Green Print is paying off for Milwaukee County residents,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “In 2009, we are already saving \$222,000 in electricity costs. According to projections from Honeywell, Milwaukee County is on pace to save more than \$3 million over the next decade—and that’s just at the Courthouse complex alone. We will save taxpayers much more as we retrofit additional facilities.” The ultimate goal, as stated in the legislation, is to upgrade 20% of the County’s facilities each year, resulting in reduced energy consumption and considerable cost savings.

The energy savings achieved thus far through the Green Print are comparable to:

- Removing 377 cars annually from Milwaukee County roads
- Providing electricity for 285 average Milwaukee County homes each year

“These savings demonstrate that Milwaukee County is setting a great example that our residents can follow. We can all achieve similar savings in our own homes, too,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic added. “Focus on Energy also offers benefits to homeowners. There are many upgrades and retrofits available that can, in many cases, pay for themselves in a short period of time. I encourage everyone to follow our lead in saving money while improving the environment.”

Other goals achieved through the Green Print include the filling of a sustainability position in Milwaukee County to work with the newly created Green Print Workgroup, which will assist in presenting a detailed report on the Green Print’s implementation to the County Board’s Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee in April, and a new website dedicated to the Green Print that will soon be launched to help educate and promote efficiency efforts to employees and the public, in hopes of increased participation.

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